



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Commissioner for Patents
United States Patent and Trademark Office
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

TROP PRUNER & HU, PC
1616 S. VOSS ROAD, SUITE 750
HOUSTON TX 77057-2631

COPY MAILED

FEB 27 2008

OFFICE OF PETITIONS

In re Application of
Randy P. Stanley
Application No. 09/450,261
Filed: November 29, 1999
Attorney Docket No. ITL.0289US(P7820)

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition, filed November 26, 2007 under 37 CFR 1.137(b), to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Any further petition to revive the above-identified application must be submitted within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(b) are permitted. The reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Petition under 37 CFR 1.137." This is **not** final agency action within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 704.

This application became abandoned for failure to timely reply to the Final Office Action mailed March 9, 2007. An advisory action mailed November 6, 2007 advised that the amendment filed August 24, 2007 did not place the application in condition for allowance. The instant petition and this decision precede the mailing of the Notice of Abandonment.¹

A grantable petition to revive an abandoned application under 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

(1) the required reply (unless previously filed), which may be met by the filing of a continuing application in a nonprovisional application abandoned for failure to prosecute, but must be the payment of the issue fee or any outstanding balance thereof in an application or patent, abandoned or lapsed for failure to pay the issue fee or any portion thereof;

(2) the petition fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(l);

(3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a

¹ Amendments filed April 23, 2007, May 24, 2007 and August 7, 2007 were not entered or non-compliant.

question whether the delay was unintentional; and

(4) a terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) in a design application, a utility application filed before June 8, 1995, or a plant application filed before June 8, 1995.

The petition does not satisfy requirement (1) above.

The application became abandoned for failure to file a response within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 to the final rejection of March 9, 2007, within the time period for response. The only proper reply to a final Office action is an amendment placing the application in *prima facie* condition for allowance, a Notice of Appeal accompanied by the requisite fee, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) accompanied by a proper submission, or a continuing application. Since the amendment submitted with the petition has been referred to the examiner, who has indicated that the amendment still does not *prima facie* place the application in condition for allowance, the response required for a renewed petition must be a Notice of Appeal and requisite fee, or the filing of a continuing application under the terms set forth in 1031 O.G. 11.²

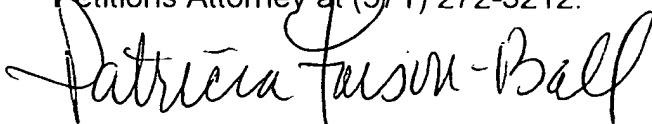
Petitioner must submit a proper reply to the final Office action mailed on March 9, 2007, with any renewed petition. **Petitioner should note that submission of any renewed petition without the required reply will be construed as intentional delay.**

Further correspondence with respect to this matter should be addressed as follows:

By mail: Mail Stop Petitions
 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria VA 22313-1450

By FAX: (571) 273-8300
 ATTN: Office of Petitions

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned Petitions Attorney at (571) 272-3212.



Patricia Faison-Ball
Senior Petitions Attorney
Office of Petitions

²Per the Examiner, since the prior filed amendments which were either non-compliant or not entered, the amendment filed November 26, 2007 should underline all changes and use correct indicators.